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SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF US NATIONAL AWACS TO ICELAND

REFS: A. USNATO 6794 DTG 140938Z JUL 77 (NOTAL); B. STATE
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OVERSEAS. PLANNING MUST BEGIN NOW TO ALLOW FOR AN ORDERLY
DEPLOYMENT, INCLUDING BASING.

2. IN VIEW OF ON-GOING NEGOTIATIONS WITHIN NATO ON THE

ACQUISITION OF AN ALLIANCE AEW FORCE, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS WISE AT THIS TIME TO UNDERTAKE ALLIANCE DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION ON THIS SUBJECT, WITH THE

EXCEPTION OF THE SPECIAL CASE OF ICELAND.

3. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS ACCORDINGLY AUTHORIZED THE USAF TO BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF US AWACS TO ICELAND IN EARLY 1979, TO REPLACE THE AEW COVERAGE NOW PROVIDED BY EC-121 AIRCRAFT CURRENTLY BASED AT KEFLAVIK. CONGRESS IS INSISTING ON WITHDRAWAL OF THE EC-121'S BY THAT DATE.

4. WE WELCOME EMBASSY REYKJAVIK'S VIEWS ON THIS CONTEMPLATED DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL AWACS TO ICELAND. ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOT DISCUSS CONTEMPLATED DEPLOYMENT WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR OTHER NATO MISSIONS PENDING RECEIPT OF FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

5. WE HOPE THE SITUATION REGARDING NATO AWACS NEGOTIATIONS WILL CLARIFY SUFFICIENTLY LATER THIS YEAR TO ALLOW LIFTING THE CURRENT MORATORIUM ON DISCUSSION AND PLANNING WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ON THE DEPLOYMENT OF US NATIONAL AWACS TO EUROPE. WE WILL CONSULT CAREFULLY WITH US NATO AND OTHER INTERESTED ADDRESSEES WHEN THIS OCCURS.

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